



**GENERAL INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS, AND  
DEFINITIONS FOR COMMISSION FOREIGN  
PRODUCER/EXPORTER QUESTIONNAIRES**

**Certain Ceramic Station Post Insulators From Japan  
Investigation No. 731-TA-1023 (Preliminary)**

Further information.--If you have any questions concerning the enclosed questionnaire(s) or other matters related to this investigation, you may contact the following members of the Commission's staff (Fax 202-205-3205):

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## GENERAL INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS, AND DEFINITIONS

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Background.**--This investigation was instituted in response to a petition filed on December 31, 2002, by Lapp Insulator Company LLC, Le Roy, NY; Newell Porcelain Co., Inc., Newell, WV; Victor Insulators, Inc., Victor, NY; and the IUE Industrial Division of the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO, Washington, DC. Antidumping duties may be assessed on the subject imports as a result of this investigation if the Commission makes an affirmative determination of injury, threat, or material retardation, and if the U.S. Department of Commerce makes an affirmative determination of dumping.

Additional questionnaires will be supplied promptly upon request, or photocopies of the enclosed questionnaire(s) may be used. Address all correspondence to the United States International Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired individuals can obtain information regarding this investigation via the Commission's TDD terminal (202-205-1810).

**Due date of questionnaire(s).**--Return the completed questionnaire(s) to the United States International Trade Commission by no later than **January 15, 2002**. Although the enclosed postpaid envelope may be used to return the completed questionnaire, use of an overnight mail service may be necessary to ensure that your response actually reaches the Commission by January 15, 2002. If you do not use the enclosed envelope, please make sure the completed questionnaire is sent to the attention of **Fred Fischer**. **Return only one copy of the completed questionnaire(s), but please keep a copy for your records so that you can refer to it if the Commission staff contacts you with any questions during the course of the investigation.**

**Service of questionnaire response(s).**--In the event that your firm is a party to this investigation, you are required to serve a copy of the questionnaire(s), once completed, on parties to the proceeding that are subject to administrative protective order (see 19 CFR § 207.7). A list of such parties is maintained by the Commission's Secretary and may be obtained by calling 202-205-1803. A certificate of service must accompany the copy of the completed questionnaire(s) you submit (see 19 CFR § 207.7).

**Confidentiality.**--The commercial and financial data furnished in response to the enclosed questionnaire(s) that reveal the individual operations of your firm will be treated as confidential by the Commission to the extent that such data are not otherwise available to the public and will not be disclosed except as may be required by law (see 19 U.S.C. § 1677f). Such confidential information will not be published in a manner that will reveal the individual operations of your firm; however, nonnumerical characterizations of numerical business proprietary information (such as discussion of trends) will be treated as confidential business information only at the request of the submitter for good cause shown.

**Verification.**--The information submitted in the enclosed questionnaire(s) is subject to audit and verification by the Commission. To facilitate possible verification of data, please keep all your workpapers and supporting documents used in the preparation of the questionnaire response(s).

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**Release of information.**--The information provided by your firm in response to the questionnaire(s), as well as any other business proprietary information submitted by your firm to the Commission in connection with the investigation, may become subject to, and released under, the administrative protective order provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1677f) and section 207.7 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 207.7). This means that certain lawyers and other authorized individuals may temporarily be given access to the information for use in connection with this investigation or other import-injury investigations conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise; those individuals would be subject to severe penalties if the information were divulged to unauthorized individuals.

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

**Answer all questions.**--Do not leave any question or section blank unless a questionnaire expressly directs you to skip over certain questions or sections. If the answer to any question is "none," write "none." **If information is not readily available from your records in exactly the form requested, furnish carefully prepared estimates--designated as such by the letter "E"--and explain the basis of your estimates.** Answers to questions and any necessary comments or explanations should be supplied in the space provided or on separate sheets attached to the appropriate page of the questionnaire(s). If your firm is completing more than one questionnaire in connection with this investigation (i.e., a producer, importer, purchaser, and/or foreign producer questionnaire), you need not respond to duplicated questions in the questionnaires.

**Consolidate all establishments in COUNTRY.**--Report the requested data for your establishment(s) located in Japan. **Firms operating more than one establishment should combine the data for all establishments into a single report.**

**Certain ceramic station post insulators.**--Station post insulators manufactured of porcelain, of standard strength, high strength, or extra-high strength, solid core or cavity core, single unit or stacked unit, assembled or unassembled, and with or without hardware attached, rated at greater than 69 kV voltage class and above (350 kilovolt Basic Impulse Insulation Level (BIL) and above), including but not limited to those manufactured to meet American National Standards Institution, Inc. (ANSI) standard class technical reference (TR) specifications TR-286, TR-287, TR-288, TR-289, TR-291, TR-295, TR-304, TR-308, TR-312, TR-316, TR-362, and TR-391. Certain ceramic station post insulators are covered by subheading 8546.20.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) and currently reported under statistical reporting number 8546.20.0060.

**Firm.**--An individual proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, association, corporation (including any subsidiary corporation), business trust, cooperative, trustee in bankruptcy, or receiver under decree of any court.

**Related firm.**--A firm that your firm solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled; a firm that solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled your firm; and/or a firm that was solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled by a firm that also solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled your firm.

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**Establishment.**--Each facility of a firm in Japan involved in the production of certain ceramic station post insulators (as defined above), including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.

**United States.**--For purposes of this investigation, the 50 States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia.

**Importer.**--Any person or firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in importing certain ceramic station post insulators (as defined above) into the United States from a foreign manufacturer or through its selling agent.

**Average production capacity.**--The level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the specified periods. Assume normal operating conditions (i.e., using equipment and machinery in place and ready to operate; normal operating levels (hours per week/weeks per year) and time for downtime, maintenance, repair, and cleanup; and a typical or representative product mix).

**Production.**--All production in your establishment(s) in Japan, including production consumed internally within your firm.

**Shipments.**--Shipments of products produced in your establishment(s) in Japan. Quantities reported should be net of returns.

**Home market commercial shipments.**--Shipments, other than internal consumption and transfers to related firms, within Japan.

**Home market internal consumption/transfers to related firms.**--Shipments made to related firms in Japan, including product consumed internally by your firm.

**Export shipments.**--Shipments to destinations outside Japan, including shipments to related firms.

**Inventories.**--Finished goods inventory, not raw materials or work-in-progress.